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## WITHIN THE WEEK

The question of whether Pres TRUMAN will veto the labor bill seemed this wk on the point of being superseded by a mild query as to whether a bill will be forthcoming for his signature. The joint committee of House and Senate is currently deadlocked on the issue of regulating unions. The House version of the bill, as you know, is quite explicit in the position that a union shop can be declared only after a union shop contract has been negotiated. Senate mbrs hold that this is going a bit too far. There are other provisions, too, which fail to meet Senate approval, including the proposal that a strike to obtain a union shop be deemed an unfair labor practice.

It has been suggested by Rep LANDIS, ranking mbr of House labor committee, that the milder Senate position prevail, with an amendment that various state laws covering union shops and closed shop contract supersede Federal legislation. On these points a number of state legislatures have taken action within the yr.

Obviously the Pres isn't going to decide his course of action on a bill which isn't yet even in existence. But if the emerging measure carries any close resemblance to the House bill, it's a pretty safe assumption that it will be vetoed. The President's statements on the labor issue and his earlier course of action point

very strongly to this conclusion.

In case of veto, Senate probably will sustain. Those who think otherwise count too much on mathematics, too little on human nature. Margin is narrow and several who voted for original measure will default on show-down. They made their gesture, but in the end party regularity will prevail.

**TAX REDUCTION:** This is quite a different matter. You find no organized group of taxpayers lobbying against a reduction in the tax bill! Even those who genuinely feel that reduction of public debt should take precedence are losing ground in face of a report of the Joint Congressional committee indicating a '48 surplus of more than \$8 million (contemplating the Senate budget reduction of \$4½ million.)

Pres TRUMAN, you may be sure, is fully informed of public sentiment on the tax issue. We believe he will not veto a moderate tax bill with rates effective from July 1st. Should he do so, the chances for overriding the veto are obviously much better than in the case of labor legislation.

**CREDIT:** FRB seeks permanent control over consumer credit; will presently ask Congress for it. Their point: If Regulation W is dropped vendors will tend to "stretch out the terms instead of lowering prices to consumer."



## SHIFTING SANDS

That colorful American character, the "farm hand," is on the way out. Increased mechanization of farms means less hired help. Generations ago we had more than 12 million persons on farms. Now, with greatly increased production, number is down to little more than 9 million. All but about 1,700,000 of these are family workers... While used car mkt remains fairly brisk in most areas, dealers look for price slump after vacation demand is met... As practically everyone expected, our abnormally high rate of savings dropped last yr (from \$33 billion to \$19 billion) and trend is still downward. Higher prices and widespread strikes both contributed. But probably most impelling reason is that there now are more things for which we can spend money... Internat'l air express is catching on. Ry Express Agency reports vol up 34.1 over 1st quarter last yr... Clothiers say brown and tan will predominate in men's wear this fall, indicating GI has decided to forgive and forget.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

*Charles Haddon Spurgeon*

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ROBERT S KERR, former Gov of Okla, observing that average Jewish or Catholic child spends several hundred hrs a yr in religious instruction: "Would we not be much better off if we spent more time in following their example and less in criticizing their beliefs?" 1-Q

TOM CLARK, U S Att'y-Gen'l: "The incentive to enter teaching is gone when the elevator girl is paid more than the beginning teacher—and I do not mean to convey the idea that the elevator girl does not earn her pay. The American schoolteacher today has neither an adequate wage, nor professional security." 2-Q

Sgt GEO TUCKER, head of the pawnshop detail of Chicago police: "Women are beginning to pawn their wedding rings, and men are pledging their watches and cameras. This indicates people have spent the inflated wages and used up their bonds — now they're selling their luxuries for necessities." 3-Q

Mrs MICHAEL LATORIA, Chicago, holder of "world's champion mom" title, declaring that raising family of 20 is no more bother than rearing a single child: "Oh, we had a lot of little problems, but they did not am't to much. Discipline wasn't much of a problem—unless it was necessary to spank more than one kid at a time." 4-Q

L A MILLER, Lincoln, Neb, radio exec: "The way to win a contest is to avoid losing." 5-Q

Sen JOS H BALL, of Minn: "Compulsory union mbrship is a monopoly and a violation of individual freedom." 6-Q

Lt-Gen'l IRA C EAKER, deputy commanding gen'l, AAF, advocating thorough understanding of Arctic frontier and its defense potentialities by military leaders: "There are only 3 areas in the world (having the vast populations and the tremendous industrial capacities sufficient to perpetrate a

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war of a magnitude to affect us adversely): Western Europe, the eastern shore of Asia, and the land mass of Central Asia. Draw on any globe the shortest lines from these 3 areas to the great industrial cities of the US and you will find (that) all of those courses pass over or near the Arctic area." 7-Q

Rev CLINTON C COX, Drexel Park Presbyterian church, Chicago, advising engaged couples to keep mum about past romances: "The past for both is a sealed book. Neither is to become a father confessor for the other. A man will not tell all. A girl should not be compelled to confess all." 8-Q

HAROLD "RED" GRANGE, Chicago, former Univ of Ill football star, commenting on \$1,000 scholarship fund donated to alma mater in his honor by fan dancer SALLY RAND and another show owner: "If Sally's fans can help fan somebody thru a 4-yr education, I think that's great." 9-Q

F M MARTIN, Detroit, asking divorce judge to forbid his remarrying for his own protection: "There are too many good-looking women around!" 10-Q

THOS E DEWEY, Gov of N Y: "Business has a right to pursue a profit. Labor has the right to bargain collectively." 11-Q

Bishop of Blackburn, England, explaining ruling that all newly ordained ministers less than 25 yrs old must remain single for at least 2 yrs: "A young curate is always considered 'fair game' by certain young ladies in every parish." 12-Q

HOLGAR J JOHNSON, N Y City, pres of Inst of Life Insurance: "Life insurance is democracy in action." 13-Q

LINDA DARNELL, film actress, explaining notes of thanks to the wives of 4 of her leading men for their help in the love scenes for *Forever Amber*: "I knew they'd been coached at home. After the picture was over they broke down and confessed they had played the big romantic scenes over with their wives before we filmed them." 14-Q

Bishop HENRY SHERILL: "No matter what plans of international cooperation we have, we are doomed to catastrophe unless we can get a new spiritual outlook in the hearts of men and women." 15-Q

Rep WALTER H JUDD, of Minn: "No matter who really won the shooting war, the real victory depends on what sort of ideas dominate in reconstruction of Europe and development of the gigantic man power resources and potential mks of Asia." 16-Q

SAXIE DOWELL, quoted by EARL WILSON: "UN delegates should kindly remove their hates." 17-Q

Northwestern Nat'l Life Insurance Co, Minneapolis, Minn, reporting on recent nation-wide survey of employer preferences in college graduates: "(There is) a growing tendency on the part of firms with extensive training programs to pay little att'n to the particular course a candidate has pursued, so long as his personal qualities are good and his scholastic record satisfactory." 18-Q

LEWIS HANEY, Prof of Economics, N Y Univ: "To attempt to compel competing employers to guarantee annual wages will either cause more instability or result in monopoly, or both." 19-Q

Dr CHAS A PROSSER, Minneapolis, Minn, retired first director of federal board for vocational education: "More than 3 million of our

youth are failing to get any benefits from our high schools as they are now constituted, and about one-half of these 3 million have left school because they couldn't see that school was getting them anywhere." 20-Q

Sen ARTHUR H VANDENBERG, of Mich: "The authority of American foreign policy is dependent upon the degree of American unity behind it." 21-Q

VIOLET HALE, pres, Philadelphia Models Guild, suggesting charm classes for men: "Men lived the Army life, among men, so long that they've forgotten the little things women value so highly." 22-Q

HENRY A WALLACE, former V-pres of U S, on TRUMAN doctrine: "It is internat'l carpet bagging based on a \$400 million bribe." 23-Q

GLENN G HAYES, Chicago exec director of the Nat'l Wash Apparel Show: "When you hear the old bromide that designers and mfrs change styles in order to make current wardrobes obsolete and thus promote sales, don't you believe it. Women are the arbiters of fashion and demand style change." 24-Q

ELPIDO QUIRINO, v-pres of Philippines, in N Y to study foreign affairs: "We want to keep in tune with the U S. We have followed its political rhythm and we want to follow its diplomatic rhythm." 25-Q

ROY HECKLER, who operates N Y flea circus: "It's just bronc busting on a small scale. They can hop 18 in's, so we convert that energy into pulling power by sticking the fleas in a test tube. In about 3 days they have banged their brains against the ceiling so often that some sense has been knocked into them and they try crawling. We fasten wire collars and harness around their necks with tweezers, hitch a small chariot or cannon on and let them run." 26-Q

JAS F BYRNES, former Sec'y of State: "If war should come, it will not be because the people want war, but because of the incapacity of those who control the gov'ts of the world. I do not believe there exists such bankruptcy of statesmanship." 27-Q

Maj-Gen'l LUTHER D MILLER, chief of U S army chaplains, upon ret'n from tour of Europe: "The sales of soft drinks and milk shakes exceed the sale of beer among service men in Germany." 28-Q

NETTIE F WOODS, District Clerk of Sarita, Tex, crimeless community where juvenile delinquency, state old-age assistance, and organized charity are unknown and the last divorce forgotten: "I guess snakes give us more trouble than anything." (Quoted in *The Woman*.) 29-Q

Dr MORRIS BISHOP, of Colgate Univ: "The average person asks of education only that it increase his earning power so that he may enjoy in greater quantity or quality the mat'l satisfactions of the uneducated." 30-Q

Dr LAURENCE B HELLPRIN, ordinance researcher at Nat'l Bureau of Standards, Washington: "The technical details of atomic energy are not as important as realizing that the problem is social... The atomic bomb is just about the biggest problem we have to face in the world. It is more of a human problem than a scientific problem." 31-Q

Gen'l DWIGHT D EISENSOWER: "There is no country in the world today that would promote a global war." 32-Q

Sir STAFFORD CRIPPS, London, Board of Trade pres, on gov't's \$1-million-a-yr adv and publicity campaign to publicize economic peril of nation, spur workers on: "Neither gov't alone, nor mgt alone, nor

workers alone, can put the situation right. Only a combined effort will do it — only the efforts of the whole team can pull the country 'round." 33-Q

J F HIELSCHER, 80-yr-old Seattle, Wash, resident who plans 15,000-mi trip east with wife in their 1921 Model T Ford: "If we have a favorable wind, we can make 27, tho a headwind may drop us down to 20." 34-Q

GEO C MARSHALL, Sec'y of State: "We must not compromise on great principles in order to achieve agreement for agreement's sake. At the same time, we must sincerely try to understand the point of those with whom we differ." 35-Q

An irate Seattle, Wash, taxpayer, in letter to County Treasurer A A TREMPER: "We rec'd our tax statement for \$78.23 and we refuse to pay it. The gov't should be self-supporting and it's time we started it." 36-Q

GLENN L MARTIN, Baltimore plane mfr warning against complacency which believes "we can meet any new threat of war with the weapons left over from the last one": "There can be no truly effective defense against the new weapons except extreme mobility and striking power of our own... Only the airplane can provide that mobility." 37-Q

ADOLPHE MENJOU, film actor, asserting Hollywood is "one of the main centers of Communist activity in America": "I want to be the Paul Revere who sounds the alarm... There are lots of them in Hollywood—at least a half-doz red directors and some red actors." 38-Q

Gen'l MAXON LOUGH, survivor of the Bataan death march and prisoner of Japs for 40 mo's: "The Japanese are followers and need leadership. We must keep the reins on Japan." 39-Q

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## MINING THE MAGAZINES

**Any Resemblance Is Purely Coincidental** — C A LEJEUNE, *N Y Times Magazine*, 5-18-'47.

(This, we are told, is how America looks to foreigners who rely entirely on our movies.)

The U S is a cozy little country consisting of 3 small states, Calif, Ky and Tex; a vague area known as the Middle West; a rather remote section called the Wild, or Woolly, West, and N Y... Other outstanding spots are Chicago, where gangsters tear up and down the st's in black bulletproof cars, mowing people down with machine guns; Boston, an old-fashioned, rather stuffy place; (and) Atlantic City, where businessmen go on conventions with Blondes...

The only policeman in America you can trust is a st cop, and then only if he's called O'Sullivan...

The leading nat'l pastimes are baseball, jive, riding on roller coasters, and necking... A smart girl, by the time she's thru with school and college, has learned all there is to learn, and is ready to face the world. Besides necking, she can jitterbug, ride, skate, mix a high-ball, and croon a throaty torch-song. She knows the two ways of life, the American way and the wrong way. She has heard of Shakespeare, Hitler, Superman, Lincoln, Frank Sinatra, Benny Goodman, Freud and Mickey Mouse...

Having Fun is the inalienable right of every American citizen. It means a prolonged and hilarious bender, pursued without inhibitions thru half-a-dozen noisy night clubs. It may end in a police cell, an automobile crash, a trip to Reno, a blessed event, or simply a hang-over with an ice-pack. But Having Fun is the great tribal ceremony of America, the crowning ritual of nat'l life.

### ART—Appreciation—1

A tourist in the famous Uffizi Gallery of Florence, Italy, said to the curator: "Are these your great masterpieces? I don't see much in them myself." Ans'd the curator, "Sir, these paintings are not on trial before the visitors; it is the visitors who are on trial."—EDMOND M KERLIN, *Telescope Messenger*.

### BRAVERY—2

Alex de Seversky, who lost a leg as a flyer in wartime was trying one day to cheer a disconsolate aviator in a similar predicament. "The loss of a leg," he said with conviction, "is really not so great a calamity. Look at me. I dance, I fly, I drive a car, I go everywhere. Women were more interested in me the moment they discovered I had one artificial limb. And another thing: If you get hit on a wooden leg, it doesn't hurt a bit! Here, try it!" The soldier took his cane and cracked it across Seversky's leg with terrific force. "You see," laughed Seversky, "If you hit an ordinary man like that, he'd be in bed for 5 days! Cheer up, old man." He waved airily, and left the ward. In the corridor he collapsed. The wounded aviator, of course, had hit him on his real leg.—BENNET CERF, *Sat Review of Literature*.

### BUSINESS—3

Business is like an automobile—it will not run by itself, except downhill.—*Home Stores*, Ft Wayne, Ind.

### CHARACTER—4

It is not by a man's purse, but by his character that he is rich or poor.—*Construction Digest*.

### COURTSHIP—5

One young man was chiding another about his extravagance. "You know," he said, "you're a spendthrift, or lazy or something. Everytime you have something to say to your girl, you telephone her. Why don't you write her a letter? It must be costing you a lot, telephoning that distance so often."

"Yes, it does," was the reply, "but she can't tie telephone calls with a blue ribbon and put them away in a drawer."—DAVID BENTHAM, *The Woman*.

### DEATH—6

Two children were overheard talking about the death of their grandmother. The 5-yr-old girl

was asking her 7-yr-old brother how "grandmother went to God." "Well," said the boy, "it happened this way. First grandmother reached up and up and up as far as she could. Then God reached down and down and down. When their hands touched he took her."—GENE E BARTLETT, "Will Modern Conversion Convert?" *Christian Century*, 5-14-'47.

### They DO Say . . .

VA has granted more than 1100 vets permission to study abroad under GI bill. They will attend 903 institutions in 68 countries... Approx ¼ of the more than 5,000 Germans accused of war crimes against U S soldiers are still awaiting trial... And U S Military Gov't, after 13 mo's of occupation in 43,316 sq mi's of territory inhabited by 18 million Germans, finally decreed that officials dealing directly with Germans must learn German language... Dr GENE WELTISH, Columbia Univ prof, deserves a vote of thanks from the nation's small fry. He announced recently that dark look on Junior's neck may not be dirt at all, but a chemical called "malanin" . . . Higher Education note, via *New Yorker*: Forms sent out to mbrs of Harvard class of '32 to gather biographical data for its 15th anniv report provide space for recording 2 marriages, 1 divorce.

### EDUCATION—7

Nations have recently been led to borrow billions for war; no nation has ever borrowed largely for education. Probably no nation is rich enough to pay for both war and civilization. We must make the choice; we cannot have both.—ALEXANDER FLEXNER, *High Points*.

### ENVIRONMENT—Effect—8

Many people live alone and like it. But most of them live alone and look it.—GELETT BURGESS, *Howe Fulcrum*, hm, Howe Scale Co.

### GAMBLING—9

Folks used to make their own clothing on spinning wheels. Now they lose their shirts on 'em.—Arcadia (Wis) *News-Leader*.

### GOD—Man—10

A boy was bringing home a loaf of bread. Someone said, "What have

you, there?" "A loaf." "Where did you get it?" "From the baker." "Where did the baker get it?" "He made it." "Of what did he make it?" "Flour." "Where did he get the flour?" "From the miller." "Where did he get it?" "From the farmer." "Where did the farmer get it?"

Then the truth dawned upon the boy's mind and he repl'd, "From God." "Well, then, from whom did you get that loaf?"

"Oh, from God." The boy, in the last resort, acknowledged God to be the giver of good.—*Moody Monthly*.

#### HAPPINESS—11

Happiness is a form of courage. —*HOLBROOK JACKSON, Ladies' Home Jnl.*

#### HUMAN NATURE—12

Some men spend so much time trying to make a killing that they forget to make a living.—*Wooden Barrel*.

#### INFLUENCE—13

"What I say, what I do doesn't matter. My influence isn't even one little drop in the bucket."

Don't be too sure about that. It all depends on what the drop is and what's already in the bucket. One little drop of water falling into a bucket of acid may cause an explosion. One drop of germ culture may change the contents of the bucket in a few hrs. A speck of yeast introduced into the dough will leaven the entire mix. One drop of cleansing disinfectant may neutralize a whole bucket of poisonous mat'l. A "drop in the bucket" isn't at all unimportant. It may be of very great importance in the results it achieves.—*Trained Men*.

#### INTERNAT'L RELATIONS—14

There is no war potential loose in the world today except the gathering tension between Anglo-Saxondom and Russia. Except between these two, there can be no major war. And there is no basis for conflict between these two, except the notion, widely propagandized, that the two systems of alleged democracy cannot exist in the same world.

Something over a hundred yrs ago, when the holy alliance of absolute monarchs was founded, the theory was rife that absolute monarchs and republics could not co-exist in the same world. The truth

was, they could not. The monarchies became constitutional and the republics became efficient. But they never needed to fight it out.

In the next 100 yrs, if the Soviets have anything good, we'll steal it. If we have anything good the Soviets will steal it. But neither of us need take recourse to arms, to make our ideas count.—*ALVIN JOHNSON, Yale Review*.

#### LIFE—15

You can get out of life only what you put into it. So now you know the difference between life and the laundry.—*Dublin Opinion*.

#### MARRIAGE—16

No intelligence test ever equalled marriage.—*Banking*.

#### NOURISHMENT—Spiritual—17

Elsie Robinson saw a man dampening his gardenias. She asked him why he did so when the stems and roots were already buried deep in water. He repl'd: "Why, Miss Robinson, don't you know? It is not enough just to feed the roots and stems; the heart, too, must be fed."

—*WM L STODGER, Getting the Most Out of Life*.

#### The Cynic's Notebook

If every man were forced to carry his cross—how few women would walk!—*MARTIN HAUG, Woman's Home Companion*. 18

#### ORIGIN—"Get Hep"—19

In the 1890's, one Joe Hep ran a saloon in Chicago frequented by criminals of various sorts. Joe was not very bright, but he was bright enough to realize that professionals were favoring him with their patronage. Sensing big things afoot, he began to hover about, absorbing all he could from the conversation of his customers. Altho he never quite understood what was going on, he *thought* he did, and considered himself proudly "in" on every "touch" that came off. The "grifters" encouraged him in his delusion, and so Joe Hep's name entered the argot as an appellation for anyone who thought he knew but didn't. The ironic sense has now largely disappeared from the elements of the name surviving in the phrases, "to get Joe to" or "to get hep to" something.—*DAVID W MAURER, American Mercury*.



## CONFIDENTIALLY THRU A MEGAPHONE

One day last mo a London reader wrote the *News-Chronicle* suggesting that the historic symbol of John Bull be discarded for a new character who would better portray "the invincible, courageous, comic, grumbling, muddling and essentially democratic genius that is the British people." Characteristically, the *News-Chronicle* gave the item preferred position; offered a guinea for each acceptable suggestion of "a new symbol for the new Britain."

In the same wk, SYDNEY ELLIOTT, in the *Picture Post*, challenged Britons to further collective contemplation. Writing on the question, "How did we get into this Mess?" he observed that "If ever disaster, military or economic, overwhelms this country, history will recall that England died in her sleep." Chiding his fellows for forgetfulness, the observer added that, once awake, no people reveal higher moral qualities and a more powerful will to survive.

Few Americans realize England's present crisis has been developing for a generation. The war of 1914-'18 broke the world economy on which England's prosperity was based. She never fully recovered; failed signally to modernize her key industries for world competition.

Then, war came again. England sacrificed not only a quarter of her total capital wealth, but also the cream of her younger and more aggressive manpower. Moreover, a nation which must normally barter its capital wares for food surrendered some 70% of its export volume. And its wartime production was chiefly in fields that would have little value in periods of peace.

Yes, the British crisis is deep-rooted. It is new only in intensity. But it is much too soon to count England out of the running.



**AGRICULTURE:** Tests conducted at Iowa State College reveal that plowing, planting and cultivating around a field req's 12, 23 and 16% less time, respectively, than by straight furrows. (*Capper's Wkly*)

**HEATING—Ventilating:** Electrified ceilings for home heating have been developed by U S Rubber Co. They consist of layer of conductive rubber sandwiched between two thin plastic layers. Average 5-room house heating cost is reported to be about \$72 with the new thermostatically controlled installation. (*Iron Age*)

**ILLUMINATION:** Light from new divided double-bed lamp can be focused on book or paper, leaving other half of bed in comparative darkness. Independent switch and socket permits operation of either light or both together. (*Financial Post*)

**OFFICE APPLIANCES:** By replacing typewriter platen knob with a "Type-Eraser," the typist is provided with a conveniently handy eraser which springs back out of the way when not in use. Construction is of a spring reel and a nylon cord. Mfr guarantees yrs of satisfactory service. (*Best's Insurance News*)

**PAINT:** N Y firm, Givauden-Delawanna, Inc, is producing paint deodorant. Chemicals, added to oil or water paints, enamels, and lacquers, neutralize odors as paint is applied and dries, without affecting color, drying time or other qualities of the paint. Chemicals themselves have faint pine or cedar odor which disappears when paint is dry. (*RENNIE TAYLOR, A P Dispatch*)

**PLASTICS:** New plastic coating applied to any surface hardens in 2 hrs. Will not blister or mar even when lighted cigarette is left on it. (*Financial World*)

#### PERSPECTIVE—20

One night I looked at the piece of goods on which my grandmother was working and said, "Why, Granny, that goods is all full of mixed-up stitches and knots. It isn't pretty at all." Then Granny turned the cloth over. There was stitched a beautiful basket of flowers of all colors. "Why, Granny, that's beautiful!" I gasped.

Granny patted my head and said, "Sonny, this scarf is like many things in life. It has a right side and a wrong side—a good side and a bad side. You saw the bad side first. Always look at both sides, my child, before you decide. — NORMAN T ZINK, *Better Homes & Gardens*.

#### RESULT—21

A minister paid a pastoral call one Monday afternoon on a Scottish washwoman. As he questioned her about the sermon on the previous day he discovered that she did not know a thing about it, whereupon he admonished her that unless she remembered the sermons they would do her no good. She repl'd in her Scottish brogue, "I am not so sure about that. Do you see the clothes out there on the line? I put a great deal of water thru them this morning. There is not a drop of water in them now, but they are all the whiter because the water passed thru them." — REV WALTER L LINGLE, "An Ambassador in Bonds," *Christian Observer*, 5-14-'47.

#### SABBATH—Observance—22

The Sabbath is a firm foundation on which to build a 6-story wk.—*Wesleyan Christian Advocate*.

#### SOCIALISM—23

Andrew Carnegie was one day visited by a socialist who preached to him eloquently the injustice of great fortunes. He advocated more equitable distribution of wealth. Carnegie cut the discussion short by asking his sec'y for a statement of the am't of his possessions and holdings. At the same time he consulted the figures on world population in an encyclopedia. He figured briefly on his desk pad and then instructed his sec'y: "Give this gentleman 16¢. That's his share of my wealth."—*Toastmaster*.

#### SPEECH—Speaking—24

A public speaker whose eloquence is much in demand was engaged by

2 different ass'ns in a certain city to give an inspirational address, one at a noon luncheon and the other at a banquet. A few days later he rec'd the following note from the pres of one of the organizations: "Dear Prof: I see that you have charged us \$50 for giving a 15-min talk at our banquet. I have since learned that you delivered a similar talk before the Sinawik Club and charged them only \$25. Will you please explain this discrimination?"

The "prof" promptly repl'd: "At the luncheon club, I was the only speaker. At your banquet I was obliged to endure an hr and a half of acute mental distress while listening to speeches by you, the mayor, the chief of police, and a mbr of the state legislature."—*Nuggets*.

#### Science Defines The Feminine Sex

*Symbol—Woe.*

*Accepted atomic weight—120.*

*Occurrence—Found wherever man exists. Seldom in free state.*

*Physical Properties — Very active. Boils at nothing and may freeze any min. Melts when properly treated. Very bitter if not well used. Able to absorb great am'ts of expensive food. Turns green when placed beside a better looking specimen. Ages rapidly.*

*Uses — Highly ornamental. Useful as a tonic in acceleration of low spirits, etc. Equalizes distribution of wealth. Is probably the most powerful (income) reducing agent known.*

*Caution — Highly explosive when in inexperienced hands! —Reformatory Pillar. 25*

#### TRUTH—26

A lie stands on one leg—truth on two.—*Swanson Newsette*.

#### VISION—27

A task without a vision is drudgery; a vision without a task is a dream; a task with a vision is victory.—*Religious Digest*.

#### WISDOM—28

The worst thing about wisdom is that it can only be acquired on the installment plan.—*Right Hand*.



As it was in the beginning . . .

BROOKE PETERS CHURCH has performed an interesting experiment in presenting *The Golden Years* (Rinehart, \$4), the Old Testament narrative as literature. When the Bible was accepted as the unalterable Word of God something was added to the religious and ethical concepts of the world. But something, too, was taken away—from the literary scene. Although few contemporary laymen sense the fact, most of the narrative sections of the Old Testament were, the author asserts, originally created for the enjoyment of man. He holds that they are literature in precisely the sense that Homeric writings are literature. And Mr Church, who emphasizes the point that his book is "for amateurs by an amateur," considers the early Bible chapters in that light. Our excerpt is from his chapter, "The Memories of the Moving Horde."

The mat'l which forms the early history of the Hebrews as found in the Hexateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua) and Judges is just the same kind of stuff that went to the making of the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*, Hesiod, and the plays of Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides. The stories were legacy from the age of great migrations, when whole nations were on the march, pushing other nations before them as they fled from some pressure which we can only guess at, such as famine or barbarian invasion or a change of climate or some great natural cataclysm. . . .

Living as we do in the day of easy travel we are inclined to magnify the difficulties in the olden days and to overlook the roving propensity of our forebears. If moving meant to us the complete uprooting of past ties, as it generally did to our early ancestors, or if it meant carrying with us on slow wagons or sledges all our personal belongings, or else giving them up forever; or getting into an unseaworthy sailing vessel with our children and enough food to last a few wks only, we would stay at home. But such obstacles and the facing of the unknown did not daunt early man. Life was at best uncomfortable and precarious and a few hardships more or less made no difference. He had no fixed abode, no settled way of life, but was always on the go, moving preferably in crowds for the sake of safety and because once he was separated from his tribe or family the chances of seeing or even hearing of them again were slight.

Where various migrations started from and why, we seldom know, for they left no trace behind them and there were no written records. The only sign we have that the nomads had any feeling for the

past, any consciousness of homeland, is in their traditions. These they carried with them wherever they went, not written down but firmly fixed in memory, to be passed on by word of mouth to their children. . . .

For centuries they passed along their stories, and after hundreds of yrs there began to emerge two separate lines of folklore and tradition which we today call the Greek and the Hebrew. At no time do the two groups of wanderers seem to have met; indeed the chances for such a meeting were practically non-existent, since the Hebrews seem never to have known the sea and the Achalans never pushed very far inland. So, tho the development of the two lines of tradition was parallel, there is no sign of any influence of Greek on Hebrew or Hebrew on Greek until the last two or three centuries B C. . . .

Unlike the Greek, the Hebrew was not an inquirer. The Greek was forever seeking the truth; the Hebrew was early convinced that he had found it. This difference in attitude was bound to make a difference in the approach to life and so in the development of the two lines of spiritual ancestry. Which of the two, Greek or Hebrew, was the more successful in his finished product is an academic question. Another 400 yrs would elapse before the Greeks used prose, 500 before Herodotus and prose history. By that time Homeric poems had been so well established that to embody them in another form would be unthinkable. . . . But by that time Hebrew history, as it had been written down in a more uncritical age, had become established as the truth and was so handed down thru centuries to come. What, one wonders, would have been the course of world events had the Hebrew leg-



### Lest We Forget

*Each for his land, in a fair fight,  
Encountered, strove, and died,  
And the kindly earth that knows  
no spite.*

*Covers them side by side.—RUD-  
YARD KIPLING, The American Rebel-  
lion: After.*

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*The supporters of religion gave  
their lives for a principle. These  
martyrs of patriotism gave their  
lives for an idea.—SCHUYLER COLFAX.*

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*Nor shall your story be forgot,  
While Fame her record keeps,  
Or Honor points the hallowed spot  
Where Valor proudly sleeps.—  
THEODORE O'HARA, The Bivouac of  
the Dead.*

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*For the common man, the best  
memorial is some beneficent thing  
or function that shall bear his  
name.—CHAS TOWNSEND COPELAND,  
Tribute to Nathaniel Southgate  
Shaler.*

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*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we  
throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it  
high.*

*If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, tho poppies  
grow*

*In Flanders fields—JOHN MCCRAE,  
In Flanders Fields.*

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*We honor our heroic and patri-  
otic dead by being true men, as  
true men by faithfully fighting the  
battles of our day as they fought  
the battles of their day. — DAVID  
GREGG.*

end been allowed, like the Greek,  
to continue in its original folklore  
form long enough to reach its full  
flowering, so postponing Hebrew  
history for a more informed and  
conscious age to write.

Adm Nimitz, who was much more at home at sea than in politically-minded, socialite Washington, was asked how he liked the Capital.

"It's tougher than the Pacific," repl'd Nimitz. "Out there all of your enemies wore identifying uniforms."—*N Y Daily Mirror*.

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A Durham traffic cop at a busy corner saw an old lady beckon to him one afternoon. He held up a doz autos, a truck, and 2 taxis to get to her side.

"What is it, lady?" he asked rather impatiently.

The old lady smiled and put her hand on his arm. "Officer," she said in a soft voice, "I just wanted to tell you that your number is the number of my favorite hymn."—*Carolina Buccaneer*.

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Enlarging on the danger of modern food, he pointed an emphatic finger at a rather harassed-looking and inoffensive listener and demanded: "What is it? We all eat it some time or other, yet it's the worst thing in the world for us. What is it? I say: Do you know?"

It appeared that the little man did know, for he repl'd in a husky whisper: "Wedding cake!" — *Financial Post*.



## OF THE WEEK

**PAWNBROKER:** One who lives off the flat of the land.—*Typo Graphic*.

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She was tried and found wanton.—*Liberty*.

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**POET:** A person who makes a living the bard way.—*Philadelphia Inquirer*.

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Once upon a time a girl set her cap to catch a man. Nowadays she sets her kneecap.—*BEN SALLOWS, Alliance (Neb) Times-Herald*.

# GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

## I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

VALENTINA

*Famous Dress Designer*

Jake was moaning and groaning in his bed one night and his wife said: "Jake—what's the matter? Go to sleep!" And Jake told her he owed his neighbor, Morris, \$100 and he had to pay it in the morning, and he didn't have it, and he was so worried he couldn't sleep. So Jake's wife went over and raised the window and called across the court: "Morris! Morris! Wake up!" — and Morris came to the window rubbing his eyes sleepily. "What is it? What's the matter?" And Jake's wife called back, "I just want to tell you that Jake can't pay you that \$100 tomorrow. He ain't got it!" Then she shut the window and said to her husband, "Go to sleep, Jake. Now Morris can worry."—*J P McEvoy, Rotarian*.

missed her recent broadcasts but would it be all right to substitute tuna fish for salmon in the ice cream dish? Again the lady stated on the air that her listener had made a mistake. Soon he wrote a 3rd time, again saying he had missed her broadcast but that the camp cook had made the tuna fish ice cream anyway and served it at mess. As a result, all the soldiers at the camp had become violently ill. He hinted there would no doubt be a federal investigation and possibly a lawsuit. For days the lady was in a state of nervous prostration, and still doesn't know the whole thing was a hoax.—*GATES HEBBARD, Gourmet*.

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A baker was in court charged with selling cheesecake which had no cheese in it. "But your Honor," he pleaded, "marble cake is sold with no marble in it, and angel cake with no angel in it!" The case was dismissed. — *Progressive Grocer*.

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A mother with 5 children boarded a train and gave the conductor so much trouble that he said, at the end of the trip, "I wonder why you don't leave half your youngsters at home!"

The mother looked at him morosely and said, "I did."—*IRVING HOFFMAN, Hollywood Reporter*.

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The 2 skeletons in the corner closet were grumbling about the heat, the dust, the boredom. "What are we staying here for anyhow?" one asked.

"Darned if I know," the 2nd skeleton ans'd. "I'd leave here in a min if I had any guts."—*Nassau Smelting & Refinery Co, Inc*.

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A Holland st needed paving badly. Finally it was finished—with smooth wooden blocks. One Dutchman proudly boasted: "We chust godt our heads togedder."—*Reflector*.

Arthur Schlesinger, in his *Learning How to Behave* (Macmillan), cites one horrible example of the pitfalls of "putting on the dog." This is about the woman who, on being asked whether she had seen the Dardanelles while abroad, repl'd grandly: "Oh, yes! We dined with them several times."—*Reading & Writing*.

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During the war, a bored soldier stationed at a remote camp was listening to a woman's program and heard the female commentator giving recipes for a salmon dish and an ice cream dish. He wrote that he had tried her recipe for salmon ice cream and loved it. The distraught lady went on the air after receiving his letter and frantically explained she hadn't given any recipe for salmon ice cream but had provided 2 separate recipes for these foods. Several days later the soldier wrote again saying he had

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